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Warmer Tomorrow.

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PROBE REPORT ON PAYROLL OF HOUSE AMAZES

Responsible for Democratic
Caucus Lopping Off
\$182,680 a Year.

SMALL GIRL GETS SALARY AS "CLERK"

Thirty-four Policemen and Lieu-
tenant Will Be Dispensed
With at Once.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

One of the most interesting docu-
ments produced by any Congress-
ional authority in a long time is
the report by Representative A.
Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, on
the payroll of the House.

Mr. Palmer headed a subcommit-
tee that conducted a careful inquiry
with the view to discovering why
there were so many employees of the
House, whether they were needed,
and what duties they performed.

This is the report which resulted
in the Democratic caucus deciding
to lop off \$182,680 worth of salaries
in the service of the House.

The committee found for instance
that the thirteen-year-old daughter
of Chief Doorkeeper Lyons was on
the pay roll as "clerk to the door-
keeper" at a salary of \$1,200 a year
—and getting an extra month's pay
each year as part of the cheerful
gratitude that Congress is wont to
give to Congressional employees.

Office Is Abolished.

The investigating committee was
unable to discover any functions which
the "clerk to the doorkeeper" could per-
form, worth such a salary, and so at
its recommendation the position will be
abolished.

It was the observation of the inquir-
ers that while new positions in the
House service have been created from
time to time, none seems ever to have
been abolished. Ludicrous illustrations
of this tendency were developed by the
committee.

"During the Spanish war," writes Mr.
Palmer in his report, "somebody's
friend told somebody's cousin that
somebody's aunt had heard someone say
that a plot was on foot to dynamite the
Capitol. Thirty-eight extra policemen
were added. They have remained ever
since."

The Palmer committee was willing to
concede the undesirability of having
the Capitol blown up. It is still a good
house, albeit rather old-fashioned in
some regards. The plumbing is not of
the best or most modern, but
neither is that in Westminster Abbey
or the Colosseum at Rome, and still those
old houses are left standing, and the
even regarded with distinguished re-
spect by folks in London and Rome. It
was conceded that dynamiting the Cap-
itol ought to be frowned upon.

Thirteen An Unlucky Number.
Yet the committee felt a hesitation
about paying forever those thirty-eight
policemen to make sure that some reck-
less person with a dark complexion, a
Van Dyke beard, and a tropic mus-
tache would not blow up the building.
Of course, there is always special dan-
ger of such bits of carelessness under
stress of the excitement of war times.
But the committee, on looking up the
dates, found that the Spanish war
ended almost thirteen years ago.

That thirteen proved the unlucky one
for the thirty-eight policemen. They
are going to be lopped off. The Capitol
can be dynamited and be hanged to it
if some enterprising person of Moorish
extraction wants to take the trouble. It
is the special hope of the committee,
however, that if any subject of King
Alfonso does such a stunt, he will
make perfectly plain whether the dan-
ger was done by an inside or an out-
side explosion, so that it may not be
necessary to spend \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000
a decade hence to satisfy the national
curiosity on the subject.

Anyhow, meanwhile, thirty-four of
these extra policemen and one lieutenant
are to be given permanent leave of
absence without salary. It will save
\$23,000 annually.

One of the funniest relics of an an-
cient but long forgotten situation was
found in connection with the service of
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WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair, continued cool tonight with
frost. Monday, fair, warmer; light to
moderate north to northeast winds.

TEMPERATURES.
8 a. m. 37 12 noon 45
9 a. m. 38 1 p. m. 44
10 a. m. 39 2 p. m. 46
11 a. m. 42

TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 4:56 a. m. and 5:23 p. m.;
low tide, 11:25 a. m. and 11:58 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 5:49 a. m. and
6:20 p. m.; low tide, 12:23 a. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises 6:58 | Sun sets 6:51

Washington Baseball Squad After Leaving Train at Union Station on Return From Training Camp



CHICAGO BANKERS AND PACKERS TAKE HASTY "VACATIONS"

Developments in Lorimer Case Followed by
Scramble on Part of Millionaires to
Reach Canada and Europe.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Process servers
here believe that Charles J. Faulkner,
general counsel for Armour & Co., and
desired witness in the \$100,000 Lorimer
"slush" fund investigation, has sudden-
ly gone to Europe, and that some other
packers and bankers whose testimony
is wanted by the legislative committee
are now taking vacations in Canada.

In every part of Chicago today the
process servers are trying to locate their
men, for the legislative committee has
decided to get in as witness every
packer and banker who may have the
slightest knowledge of the alleged fund.

At the same time, the accounts of
every national bank in Springfield and
Chicago are being studied today, in be-

half of the investigation committee. It
is the idea of the committee that the
accounts of some bank will show a sus-
picious number of \$10,000 transactions
around a certain date. One report has
it that just such a condition has been
found in one bank. In any event, the
bank investigations are proceeding to-
day.

"All may hear my answer from the
floor of the Senate when the time
comes," is all the statement that Sena-
tor Lorimer will make. Lorimer and
his friends are working harder now
than they ever did in all the earlier in-
vestigations, and it is evident that they
appreciate that this threatens to be the
most serious of all.

TUG BOATS MOVE STRANDED VESSEL

NEW YORK, April 9.—All day long a
small fleet of wrecking tugs strained
bawlers in an effort to free the stranded
Princess Irene from the sands of Lone
Hill bar, off Fire Island, where the
liner has been helpless since Thursday.

With the help of a favoring wind and
tide the big liner was moved 100 feet,
and the officers hope now that they
will be able to steam to New York
without aid tomorrow morning.

The vessel having a fourteen-knot headway
at the time she went ashore, became
imbedded eight feet in the sand nearly
her whole length, but so far as can be
ascertained she has not suffered the
slightest damage. Captain Petersen is
the subject of much sympathy among
the passengers of the ill-starred boat.

His story of how he got fifteen miles
out of his course, and then in the fog
ran on to the bar, is credited as reveal-
ing one of the mysteries of the seas.
According to other navigators, some
uncharted current bore the Irene from
her path, and the fog prevented accu-
rate reckoning.

Whether the captain will be dismissed
or relegated to the command of a
smaller boat the North German Lloyd
officials decline to say.

Church Proves Income Tax Plan Is Feasible

MILWAUKEE, April 9.—The gradu-
ated income tax, assessed on the basis of
the proposed national tax, has proved
a thorough success at the Westminster
Presbyterian Church, where the system
was tried during the past year.

The church was getting deeper in
debt. The members paid off the old
debt by subscription and fixed a budget
for the next year, arranging tax on
members according to their incomes, at
2 per cent on incomes of \$1,000 or less
and 5 per cent on those of \$2,000 or over.
This year the church starts with money
to invest, and took no collections during
the entire year.

Representative Curley To Undergo Treatment

BOSTON, April 9.—Representative
James M. Curley, accompanied by Mrs.
Curley, is back from Washington to
undergo a long treatment for an ob-
stinate illness and another surgical opera-
tion. Mr. Curley has suffered greatly
by his trip to the Capital.

CHICAGO UNIONISTS READY FOR BATTLE

CHICAGO, Ill., April 9.—With hired
gangs of "sluggers" patrolling the city
in the interest of two warring labor fac-
tions, a battle to the death, in which the
police admit their helplessness, today
was imminent.

The opposing factions in the feud are
the United Association of Plumbers and
the International Association of Steam
Fitters. For months the two organiza-
tions have been fighting. Armed en-
counters have been frequent. A mem-
ber of each organization has been shot
in mysterious revolver battles, and the
police have been unable to unearth any
clues.

The unions both have expressed doubt
of the police ability to protect their rep-
resentatives, and intimate that their
members will take matters into their
own hands. At police headquarters it
was said this morning that gangs of
fighting men have been garri-
soned in various downtown saloons, where weap-
ons are dealt out and the daily instruc-
tions issued. The hired fighters work
in day and night shifts.

Each organization has submitted to the
police names of officers who have been
slated by the opposition for death.
The feud grew from the refusal of
the steam fitters to affiliate with the
plumbers.

Passenger Train Wrecked, Cook Sits on Hot Stove

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 9.—Spreading
rails caused the engine, baggage car,
and day coach of the southbound Cin-
cinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Pere Mar-
quette flyer to jump the track near
Carleton, Mich., at 9 o'clock this morn-
ing. The baggage car was slightly in-
jured by a flying trunk, and the cook
being knocked off his feet, sat on a
red-hot stove in the dining car, but was
not seriously burned.

There were eighty passengers on the
train, but none is reported injured. None
of the cars turned over, but the derailed
ones were so completely embedded in
the mud that it was found necessary to
build temporary tracks around them so
that traffic could be resumed.

The train was due in this city at 10
a. m.

Foreigner Smothered to Death in Cement Plant

NORFOLK, Va., April 9.—Peter Hol-
lonsky, apparently about twenty-eight
years old, and well dressed, was smothered
to death in a pit at the plant of the
Norfolk Portland Cement Company
Friday night. Now the authorities are
trying to find out something about him.
From papers found in his pockets there
is reason to believe he came to this
country from Europe.

ILLNESS PROMPTS HOSPITAL PATIENT TO KILL HIMSELF

W. C. Sennellbauer—Cuts
Throat With Razor—Gas
Kills Two Others.

William C. Sennellbauer was found in
the bath room of the Tuberculosis Hos-
pital, Fourteenth and Upshur streets,
at 6 o'clock this morning. He had
slashed his throat with a razor.

He lived at 619 Twenty-third street
northwest, and was 42 years old. He
had been despondent for some time, and
after his death, it was learned today,
he had talked to patients at the insti-
tution, of the hopelessness of his con-
dition.

Coroner Nevitt ordered the body taken
to the District morgue. It will be held
there pending an inquest, which will
probably be called tomorrow morning.

According to Dr. William Tewksbury,
superintendent of the hospital, Sennell-
bauer had been a patient for the past
five or six months.

He rose and left the ward where he
slept about 5 o'clock this morning, and
was found later by an orderly.
George Rider, thirty-six years old,
was found dead from gas asphyxiation
at the home of his cousin, Mrs. A. E.
Callahan, 1457 Florida avenue north-
west, at 7 o'clock this morning. The
body was discovered by Mrs. Callahan,
who was attracted to Rider's room by
the odor of illuminating gas. When she
entered the room the air was almost
stifling. The cook of the gas jet was
open. He had been dead some time, she
said.

Mrs. Callahan said she was sure the
death was accidental. The same opinion
was expressed by Rider's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Patrick Rider, at 1723 Twen-
tieth street northwest. Mrs. Callahan
stated that Rider yesterday was cheer-
ful, and had planned to do some work
for her tomorrow. She said that he was
not used to illuminating gas, and that
he had left the jet open through ignor-
ance.

Rider had not been employed regu-
larly for some time. He was twice in
the navy, from which he was discharged
two years ago at the end of a term of
enlistment.

Rider is survived by three brothers—
Thomas J. Rider, a wealthy mine owner
of Mexico City; Joe Rider and John
Rider, of occupation and a shoe-
maker. Mr. Rider Beavers, who lives in
Georgetown. His parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Rider, have lived in Washington more
than thirty years, and recently celebrate
their golden wedding anniversary.

Coroner Nevitt viewed the body and
the room in which the death occurred
and stated that Rider had come to his
death accidentally.

It is expected the funeral will be held
Wednesday.

While Mrs. Sallie P. Shepard, eighty-
four years old, was preparing breakfast
this morning, gas escaping from a broken
connection in her room, at 1012 Sixth
street northwest, asphyxiated her. Her
body was found about 11:45 o'clock to-
day, after Capt. Charles Peck and Po-
lice Officer Bennett of the Second precinct,
had forced the door of her apartment.

Mrs. Shepard, who was an aunt of
Mrs. W. J. P. Clark, of 1818 Lamont
street northwest, had occupied a room
at the Sixth street house for some time.
She was regularly an early riser, and
when other occupants of the house
smelled gas this morning and recalled
that they had not seen the aged woman
leave her room since last night, they
called the police.

Mrs. Shepard lay on the floor in front
of a small gas stove, which was burn-
ing, and on which sat an empty pan.
The police believe her death was ac-
cidental.

Bride-to-Be "Surprises" Friend; Is Quarantined

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 9.—Miss Hazel
Bomberger, a pretty miss of twenty
years, hereafter will observe more closely
whom she visits. Instead of speed-
ing on her wedding trip this morning,
she is quarantined at the home of Mrs.
C. E. Jacobs, a friend at Marion, Ohio,
and her marriage, which was to have
taken place today, is postponed.

Late yesterday, when en route to
Cleveland, Miss Bomberger stopped off
at Marion to visit Mrs. Jacobs. She
entered the house without rapping, but
the surprise might be complete, and ran
plump into three cases of smallpox.

A quarantined guard took her into
custody when she came out of the resi-
dence and compelled her to return.

SOCIALIST BERGER PROMISED DISTRICT COMMITTEE PLACE

Will Be Given Chance to Propagate His
Policies Regarding City Government
As Minority Member.

Victor Berger, Socialist, will be a
member of the House Committee on the
District of Columbia.

This decision, it is announced today,
was reached following conference be-
tween Leader Underwood of the ma-
jority and Leader Mann of the minority.

Mr. Underwood and the Democrats
had desired that Mr. Berger should be
placed on the District Committee, be-
cause his long and intimate experience
with municipal affairs had peculiarly
qualified him for good service in that
position.

Moreover, it was realized that his se-
lection would give special satisfaction
to a great number of people in the Dis-
trict who believe that just such policies
and views as Mr. Berger represents
need more effective presentation and
enforcement than they have had in the
past.

Mr. Underwood and the Democratic
Committee on Ways and Means consid-
ered that Mr. Berger must be account-
ed a part of the minority. Being a
whole political party in himself, he cer-
tainly couldn't be considered part of
the majority. The Democratic majority
was not willing to reduce its proportion
on the District Committee in order to

give Mr. Berger the place. So Mr. Un-
derwood took up the matter with Lead-
er Mann, who accepted this view, and
gave assurance that the minority would
leave a place for the Milwaukee Social-
ist Representative on the committee.

For himself, Mr. Berger was not in
the beginning anxious to go on the
District Committee. He doubted if it
would give him so good an opportunity
for promulgation of those opinions and
policies which his party is urging upon
the country. However, after he had
been in Washington a short time and
had been repeatedly urged to consent
to an assignment to the District Com-
mittee; and after he had discovered
that places on such committees as
Ways and Means or Interstate Com-
merce were not readily to be had, Mr.
Berger consented to have his name
best to give real service to Wash-
ington.

For the present Mr. Berger has no
program formulated. He realizes that
progress must necessarily be slow, be-
cause there is no way to organize local
public opinion back of great movements
in a city which is deprived of the bal-
lot and of any participation in its own
government.

DAUGHTER SHOTS FATHER AND SELF

LOS ANGELES, April 9.—Sesilastino
L. Danila, who shot and killed his six-
year-old daughter, Ledalia, on April 2,
after a pistol duel with George Koerner,
in which he was severely wounded, be-
cause he could not die and leave his
child to live, as he said, was shot and
fatally injured at the county hospital
this morning by Eva Bovee, his
twenty-four-year-old stepdaughter.

After shooting her father three times,
the girl turned the revolver upon her-
self. Both are expected to die.

The shooting occurred in the insane
ward of the hospital. Danila has been
confined there since he was shot by
Koerner. The girl visited her father
early in the evening and at that time
appeared affectionate. It was after the
attendants had left the couple that the
shooting occurred. It was believed
that the girl had left her father's cell
and the hospital. It is believed by the
police that the shooting was the result
of a pact and that the girl fired at her
father with his consent.

Sunday Lid on All Business in Roanoke

ROANOKE, Va., April 9.—For the
first time in the history of Roanoke
the lid is down tight on all Sunday
selling. Not a cigar, a drink of soda
water or any kind of merchandise
can be bought. Few papers were
sold.

The closing is due to the prosecu-
tion of Elmore D. Heins for opening
his saloon on Sunday. He was fined
and put under heavy bond for twelve
months.

Tom Johnson Clings To Life By a Thread

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 9.—Tom John-
son, four times mayor of Cleveland and
former Representative from the Twen-
ty-first Ohio Congressional district, is
clinging to life by a thread today.
He may die at any moment. He is
lying in a coma, his body motionless.
Physicians state he will not survive
twenty-four hours.

BANK MERGER PLAN FULLY WORKED OUT

When the meeting of the two com-
mittees representing the directors of
the National City and the Commercial
National adjourned their meeting at 2
o'clock this morning the question of
the merging of these two banks has
been so far decided that practically all
that remains is for the directors of the
banks to give a vote of approval to
the reports of their respective com-
mittees.

The men who engaged in the confer-
ence are Bradley Davidson, John Poole,
and J. A. Cahill, representing the Com-
mercial, and Quincy Smith, A. E. Leckie,
and W. J. Lambert, representing
the City.

As a result of the conference it is
likely that the plan adopted probably
will be indorsed at special meetings of
the boards to be called on either Wed-
nesday or Thursday.

Young Bride of Month Tries to Take Own Life

NORFOLK, Va., April 9.—With a gash
in her throat inflicted by her own hand
with a razor, Mrs. W. B. Sawyer, who
was married less than a month ago, is
at Lawford Hospital. She will recover,
physicians say. Mrs. Sawyer is only
twenty years old. When her husband
wakened Thursday night he found his
wife had cut her throat. She was sent
to the hospital, and the matter was
hushed until last night. The woman's
husband says his wife suffered from
kidney trouble, and while half crazed
with pain she attempted to end her
life.

Yeggmen Blow Safe In Hardware Store

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 9.—Yeggmen
early this morning, for the fifth time
in four years, blew the safe in the
Hartizer hardware store at Smith-
field, a Toledo suburb, carrying off the
strong box and a quantity of cutlery.
Gerig & Miller's dry goods store also
was entered.

Bloodhounds were brought to the
village, but the dogs could not fol-
low the trail after they came to the
place where the burglars had gotten
into a bugger.

THOUSAND FANS WARMLY GREET BASEBALL CLUB

Nationals Reach Capital Be-
fore Noon and Will Prac-
tice Tomorrow.

TEAMMATES EXPECT JOHNSON TO RETURN

McAleer Will Make No Effort to
Induce Holdout to Change
His Mind.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

The Washington baseball club ar-
rived here before noon today, direct
from the training camp at Atlanta,
and was met at Union Station by
1,000 fans, who gave the Nationals
the biggest reception ever received
by a team representing this city.

Manager McAleer declared that
there will be no effort from this end
to get Walter Johnson to reconsider
his stand on the salary question,
and the Nationals' leader declared
he had no idea as to what Johnson
will do.

Among the players the impres-
sion is that Johnson will rejoin the
club before long, and it developed
that he already has arranged with
one of the members of the team to
engage quarters here for him.

Most of the players visited Na-
tional Park shortly after their ar-
rival and expressed surprise at the
progress made during the last three
weeks.

McAleer will have a conference
with the owners of the club this ev-
ening, and tomorrow the players will
be at the park to have a short prac-
tice in the outfield.

McAleer's Statement.

"In my long career in baseball I have
never met a ball player so utterly un-
reasonable as Walter Johnson in the
matter of salary. From the time he
reached Atlanta, I had daily talks with
Johnson. We made him the most lib-
eral offer received by a pitcher in the
league; we argued, pleaded, did every-
thing but get down on our knees to
him, and still he would not change his
attitude.

"When we handed him his transporta-
tion to Kansas I told him he could stay
there until he was willing to talk rea-
sonably. I haven't heard a word from
him since he left the Kinball House,
and I really do not know what his plans
are. The fans, however, may rest as-
sured that as long as the present of-
ficials are in charge the Washington
ball club will never meet the demands
that Johnson has made."

In these words Jimmy McAleer, as he
stepped from a train at the Union Sta-
tion today, summed up the present
aspect of the greatest baseball sensation
Washington has ever experienced. The
determined stand taken by the director
at home is reflected in the manager who
is now prepared to open the champion-
ship campaign without the assistance of
the one upon whom so much depended,
but who refused to sign because the
club declined to become a party to a
contract which would give the pitcher
\$25,500 for eighteen months' work.

"Nobody living except Johnson and
myself know how I tried to save the
player for the Nationals, but when a
man gets beyond all bounds of reason
what can you do about it?"

Declined to Talk Terms.

"So unreasonable did Johnson be-
come that he finally declined to talk
except to say, 'You know what I have
said and that stands.' Then it was that
I, with the full consent of the owners
told Johnson to quit Atlanta."

So insistent was Johnson during the
negotiations that McAleer cannot decide
whether the player will return here or
will remain in Kansas, but among the
men on the club closest to the pitcher
the impression seems to be that the dis-
gruntled one will be back in the fold
within the next two weeks.

The thing which strengthens this
conviction is the fact that it be-
came known today that Johnson ar-
ranged with one of his closest personal
friends among the players to engage
quarters for him, just before he left
Georgia, saying that he would pay his
share of the expense.

This is taken by most of the men as
indication that Johnson is ready to
give way as soon as he comes to a rea-
lization of the determination of the men
who own the club.

"The reason I think Johnson will be
back before long is because he cannot
hope to make anywhere near as much
money at Coffeyville as he was offered
by Jim," said one of the older players
today.

"You know Johnson just bought that
farm and the improvements he has
planned will take all the money he can
possibly earn out of baseball for a cou-
ple of years at least. It is true that
he has saved quite a roll, but I believe
when he comes to his senses out in
Kansas he will realize that he has made

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